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CAPTAIN ANDREW¹ NEWCOMB.

Of the early history of Andrew Newcomb little is known. That he was born in England is quite certain; that he migrated from the west of England, perhaps Devonshire or Wales, nearly all traditions declare.

The date of his arrival in this country is not definitely known, but it is quite probable that he was among the earliest settlers of New England.

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First mention of him is made in 1663 in Boston, Mass., when and where he married his second wife, Grace, widow of William Rix or Ricks.

He was at that time a mariner or sea captain. The name of his first wife has not been found. His second wife, Grace, born about 1620 to 1625.

Suffolk Deeds contain copy of agreement, date Feb. 1645-46, in which Andrew Newcomb and wife Grace are to enjoy during life the old dwelling house "now in the tenure and occupation of the same Newcomb," formerly of William Ricks, deceased, John and Thomas Ricks, sons of William, to have the new dwelling house adjoining the same, etc., near the water mill in Boston.

Andrew Newcomb's will, filed among the Probate papers of Boston, made 31 Jan. 1682. Will is

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upon Suffolk Probate, Vol. II, page 48. That he died in Nov. 1686, is inferred from the date of admission of his will to probate.

That he was a man of education is shown from the specimen of his writing still extant.

Children by first wife.

Andrew², b. about 1640; m. 1st Sarah, 2nd Anna Bayes.

Susannah², b. between 1640 and 1650; m. Phillip Blague of Boston, 2nd Pritchett or Pritchard.

Children by 2nd wife, Grace.

Grace², b. Oct. 20, 1664; m. James, son of Stephen and Jane Butler, Boston, 2nd Andrew Rankin of Boston.

LIEUT. ANDREW² NEWCOMB.

Andrew² Newcomb was residing in this country as early as July 1666, as at that date he attended a meeting at Isles of Shoals, near Portsmouth, N. H. Probably born about 1640. Appears to have moved from Isles of Shoals about 1675, and settled same year at Edgartown, Mass., where he lived until his decease, which took place between March 7, 1703-4, and Oct. 22, 1708, aged about 64 to 68 years.

He lived many years in the village of Edgartown and owned the land upon which the Court house now stands.

Mr. Newcomb was chosen lieutenant April 13, 1691, and in the same year was in command of the fortification, having such number of men under him as were ordered by the chief magistrate. Spelled name Nucomb. M. 1st Sarah, 2nd Anna Bayes, daughter of Capt. Thomas and Anna (Baker) Bayes. She was born about 1658; died summer or Sept. 1731.

Children by 1st wife, Sarah.

Simeon², b. about 1662; m.

Andrew², b. about 1664; d. in Edgartown, June 1678.

Simon², b. 1664; m. Deborah.

Thomas², b. 1668; m. Elizabeth Cook.

Sarah², b. 1670; m. Jan. 9, 1690 or 91, Joshua Conant; moved to north part of Eastham, which is now Truro.

Mary or Mercy², b. about 1672; m. Oct. 4, 1694, Capt. Thomas Lumbert of Barnstable; removed to Truro 1669; d. Nov. 13, 1736.

Peter², b. about 1674; m. Mercy Smith.

Children by 2nd wife, Anna Bayes.

Anna², b. 1677; m. Lieut. Matthew Mayhew of Edgartown.

Elizabeth², b. 1681; m. Capt. John Atkins.

Joseph², b. 1683; m. Joyce Butler.

Emblem², b. 1685; m. Samuel Atkins.

Tabitha², b. 1688; m. Peter Ray.

Hannah², b. 1694; m. Thomas Dureary.

Zerviah², b. 1698 or 99; m. Josiah Bearse.

Mary², b. 1700; m. Jonathan Pease.

THOMAS² NEWCOMB.

Born at Kittery, Maine, or vicinity about 1668; m. at Eastham Oct. 1693, Elizabeth, dau. of Josiah and Deborah (Hopkins) Cook. She was born June 16, 1674.

Children.

Edward², b. Aug. 3, 1695.

Thomas², b. Aug. 13, 1697; m. Hepzibah, 2nd Mary Tilton.

Simon², b. Nov. 30, 1699; m. Lydia Brown, 2nd Sarah.

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Deborah⁴, m. Jan. 28, 1729, Thomas Larkin.

Mary⁴, m. April 11, 1723, Luke Stubbs.

Josiah⁴, bap. June 2, 1717.

Elizabeth⁴, m. July 24, 1729, Joshua Pierce.

Ebenezer⁴, m. Thankful Freeman, 2nd Experience Brown.

Joseph⁴, m. Mary Eldredge.

SIMON⁴ NEWCOMB.

Born in Eastham Nov. 30, 1699, yeoman; m. April 5, 1722, Lydia, daughter of Samuel and Susannah (Harding) Brown, b. April 30, 1702, 2nd Sarah. Lived in that part of Eastham which was set off in 1763 as the town of Wellfleet.

Children.

Simeon⁵, b. about 1723; m. Mercy Brown, 2nd Experience Arey.

Susannah⁵, m. Oct. 8, 1747, Joseph Pierce.

William⁵, b. 1727; m. Vashti Cole.

Simon⁵, b. Jan. 25, 1735; m. Harding, 2nd Rebecca Smith.

Lydia⁵, m. Aug. 18, 1772, Isaac Hopkins of Truro.

SIMON⁵ NEWCOMB.

Born in Eastham, now Wellfleet, Jan. 25, 1735; m. April 12, 1757, Grace Harding, of Chatham, by Rev. Stephen Emery. She died in Wellfleet June 16, 1785, in her 52nd year. He m. 2nd Rebecca Smith of Eastham, to whom he was published Aug. 20, 178-. She died Oct. 2, 1807, in her 73d year. He died May 20, 1808.

Children.

Thomas⁶, b. May 30, 1758; m. Jemena Newcomb.

Jeremiah⁶, b. April 2, 1760; m.

Mary Higgins, 2nd Sarah Lombard.

Zerviah⁶, b. March 16, 1762; m.

Reuben Covell, Jr.; d. Feb. 25, 1843.

Huldah⁶, b. Nov. 28, 1763; m.

David Atkins.

Grace⁶, b. March 4, 1765; m.

Joshua Young, Jr., 2nd Samuel Pierce.

Seth⁶, b. March 3, 1768; m.

Abigail Snow.

Simon⁶, b. March 16, 1770; d. young.

Priscilla⁶, b. Feb. 18, 1772; m.

Solomon Holbrook, 2nd, Joseph Hatch.

Theophilus⁶, b. Feb. 6, 1774;

m. Dorcas Young.

Simon⁶, b. Oct. 5, 1778; m.

Sarah Cole, 2nd Polly (Rich) Cobb.

Simon's daughter Grace m. Elijah Atwood.

CAPT. JEREMIAH⁶ NEWCOMB.

Born in Eastham, now Wellfleet, April 2, 1760; m. March 18, 1784, Mary⁷ Higgins, dau. of Enoch and Mary, b. July 7, 1764, d. April 16, 1814. He m. 2nd Aug. 16, 1814, Sarah Lombard, who died Nov. 18, 1831, aged 67. He died Feb. 20, 1842, in Wellfleet.

Children.

John⁷, b. March 25, 1786; m. Hannah Lombard, 2nd Sally Lombard.

Mary⁷, b. March 20, 1788; m. Uriah A. Atwood.

Nancy⁷, b. Aug. 27, 1791; m. Aug. 27, 1808, Elisha Higgins. He was lost at sea. She died in Wellfleet March 26, 1829.

Hannah Atkins⁷, b. Nov. 1, 1793; m. Ebenezer Freeman, 3rd. She d. July 7, 1870.

Betsey⁷, b. Dec. 3, 1798; m. April 18, 1817, Samuel P. Snow of Truro.

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Jeremiah⁷, b. Nov. 15, 1802; m. Abigail Harding.

Capt. Jeremaih Newcomb entered service in the Revolutionary war March, 1776, in Capt. John Gill's company of Wellfleet; sailed to Plymouth, thence marched to Boston, where he was stationed with troops under Gen. Putnam. Discharged about May 1, 1776, when he entered service as matross in artillery company for twelve months, Capt. John Gill, Col. Craft's regiment or battalion. Remained during the winter at Castle William, building the fort; passed daily in flat-bottomed boat to Boston and back; dragged cannon to top of hill to place in fort; stocked and bedded those injured by the English and received passports of vessels passing the fort. Procured a mortar, stationed it in north side of Long Island head with breastwork and 6 pounder cannon on Nantucket or Nantasket hill, to play across the head onto the shipping of the enemy. The throwing of the third bomb caused the vessels to drop down near the lighthouse, which they blew up.

Was discharged at end of year. He was of the brig Resolution, was taken prisoner Nov. 28, 1780, and committed to Old Mill prison Jan. 22, 1781. He was also out at other times during the war.

Capt. Newcomb received pension under the Act of 1832. He was selectman and treasurer, 1813-14; town clerk, 1814, and coroner, 1822.

LEMUEL NEWCOMB⁵.

Born in Truro July 27, 1724; m. Nov. 28, 1751, Phebe Atkins, 2nd Dec. 12, 1765, Elizabeth Wood. The 2nd wife may have been the

widow Elizabeth Newcomb, who died March 5, 1806, if she was Elizabeth N. whose estate was administered upon in 1766; then Mr. N. must have died soon after his second marriage. He was dead before July 24, 1787. He lived in Wellfleet.

Children.

James⁶, b. Nov. 11, 1754; m. Tabitha Nickerson.

Phebe⁶, m. Nov. 3, 1785, John Pierce.

Margery⁶, m. Sept. 12, 1786, Zephaniah King Pierce, 2nd A. Blake.

Hannah⁶

Joshua⁶, said to have left no descendants.

Lemuel⁶, b. April 7, 1757; m. Lucy Holbrook.

CAPT. JAMES NEWCOMB⁶.

Born in Eastham, now Wellfleet, Nov. 11, 1754.

Children.

Lucy⁷, b. Aug. 29, 1776; m. Sept. 22, 1796, Benjamin Coan of Truro; resided in Wrentham.

James⁷, b. June 12, 1778; d. Sept. 19, 1796.

Lemuel⁷, b. Sept. 16, 1782; m. Hannah Doane, 2nd Mary Rich.

Sally⁷, b. Oct. 30, 1784; d. Nov. 29, 1784.

Phebe Atkins⁷, b. Aug. 15, 1786; pub. Dec. 12, 1801, to John Pococh, m. 2nd Feb. 8, 1810, Elisha Newcomb, 3rd Oct. 16, 1829, or Dec. 18, 1831, John Young.

Betsey⁷, b. June 4, 1788; m. Oct. 23, 1808, Jeremiah Atwood and died 1866 in Wellfleet.

Hannah⁷, b. Nov. 10, 1791; m. Rev. James Burnett, had two children, resided in Charlestown.

Lydia⁷, b. June 8, 1794; m. April 6, 1813, Freeman A. Baker.